

SENATE RESOLUTION 109

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barry Stewart of Shelbyville Central High School on his selection as the 2006 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class AAA Mr. Basketball award winner.

WHEREAS, one of the most coveted forms of recognition which can be awarded to a high school basketball player in Tennessee is to be named by the TSSAA as "Mr. Basketball"; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 nominations for this high honor appropriately included Barry Stewart, a Shelbyville Central High School Senior, who was chosen as the Division I Class 3A "Mr. Basketball" for his outstanding efforts in helping Shelbyville advance to the Class 3A State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, a 6' 3" guard with phenomenal basketball skills, Barry Stewart was a three-year starter for the Golden Eagles, averaging 23 points, 7.3 rebounds, 3.6 steals, and 2.6 assists per game during his senior season; and

WHEREAS, Barry Stewart thrilled high school basketball fans across the state with his impressive display of shooting accuracy as he connected on forty-eight percent of his shots from the field, thirty-seven percent from three-point range, and eighty-four percent from the free-throw line; and

WHEREAS, during his stellar career, Mr. Stewart scored over 1,600 points, placing second all-time in school history, and grabbed over 620 rebounds, ranking as Shelbyville's all-time leader; and

WHEREAS, appropriately honored numerous times for his remarkable basketball talent, Barry Stewart was selected as the Most Valuable Player for District 8-AAA and for the Mid-

South Classic tournament in Cookeville earlier this year and earned All-District honors in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Barry and his Shelbyville teammates, under Head Coach Kevin Thomas, played their way to the 2006 State Tournament in Murfreesboro for the first time, defeating Hunters Lane and Raleigh Egypt before falling by one point in double overtime to Hamilton in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, named to the 2006 State All-Tournament team after the championship game, that same night Barry Stewart was selected as "Mr. Basketball" for Division I Class 3A over the other two finalists, Jeremy Williams of Hamilton High School and Tony White, Jr., of Bearden High School in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart's extraordinary honor is a source of great pride to his family and community as well as his school, and it is appropriate that we pause to honor and commend this elite athlete; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Barry Stewart on being named the 2006 TSSAA Division I Class AAA "Mr. Basketball" and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.